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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

TOWN CLERK.

Paid Town Clerk for services,	$19 35	
" " postage,	4 06	$23 41

COLLECTOR.

Paid L. P. Lovell for services,		$40 00

TREASURER.

Paid L. P. Lovell for services,	10 00	
" " postage and stationery,	4 90	$14 90

SELECTMEN.

Paid Selectmen for services,	38 00	
" " postage and stationery,	1 35	
" " counsel fees,	1 00	$40 35

ASSESSORS.

Paid D. R. Dean for services,	28 00	
H. W. Lincoln "	28 00	
H. P. Austin, "	24 00	
for postage and stationery,	25	$80 25

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid L. P. Lovell for services,	35 00	
H. W. Lincoln "	31 00	
Jesse Allen "	28 00	$94 00

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Overseers of the Poor,		$897 51

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid Z. L. Winslow,	$18 56	
E. H. Dwelly,	6 95	
M. M. Butterfield,	12 20	
W. S. Spear,	60 43	
H. W. Lincoln,	39 35	
W. O. Keep,	50 88	
J. E. Stone,	9 51	
C. A. Ware,	17 79	
J. W. Knight,	27 64	
W. M. Presho,	2 85	
A. E. Burt,	48 89	
S. H. Bullard,	14 67	
D. H. Nye,	16 97	
A. C. Bullard,	6 56	
S. J. Foster,	25 07	
C. Bothwell,	5 25	$363 57

REPAIRING HIGHWAYS.

Paid W. S. Spear,	$41 85	
A. C. Bullard,	33 25	
M. M. Butterfield,	52 47	
Wm. A. Nye,	60 00	
W. O. Keep,	36 55	
C. Bothwell,	66 90	
E. H. Dwelly,	43 75	
Wm. C. Crawford,	64 10	
J. E. Stone,	61 90	
C. A. Ware,	53 26	
H. W. Lincoln,	37 55	
S. J. Foster,	41 87	
S. H. Bullard,	50 75	
J. W. Knight,	30 97	
Z. L. Winslow,	34 69	$709 86

REPAIRING BRIDGES.

Paid M. M. Butterfield, for labor and materials on bridge at Coldbrook,	$24 75	
A. C. Bullard, for materials for bridge at Coldbrook,	21 00	
Gale Brothers, for plank " "	36 02	$81 77

Paid C. A. Ware, for labor and materials for bridge at Ware's Corner,	21 50	
D. R. Dean, for plank for bridge at Ware's Corner,	18 05	$39 55

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid for Centre School,	$389 90	
Coldbrook School,	190 25	
South "	164 00	
East "	146 80	
West "	98 00	$988 95

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

Paid for repairs on West School House,	$117 17	
" " South "	91	$118 08

STATE AID.

Paid Eliza Plimpton,	$48 00	
William A. Parmenter,	100 00	
Charlotte Mullett,	44 00	
Sophronia Green,	48 00	
Harriet V. Parmenter,	8 00	$248 00

MILITARY AID.

Paid City of Cambridge for Daniel Rogers,		$50 00

SINKING FUND.

Deposited in People's Savings Bank, Worcester,	$1,000 00	
" Worcester County Institution for Savings,	1,000 00	$2,000 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Wm. M. Thompson, for care of hall and ringing bell,	$35 00	
A. Prouty, for cover to hearse,	3 15	
for repairing and painting fence on Common,	28 20	
for abatement of taxes,	9 61	
printing town reports and collector's notices,	29 38	
Bacon, Hopkins & Bacon, for counsel fees,	15 00	
County tax,	243 00	
State tax,	300 00	
for school books,	43 66	
State Treasurer, one-fourth liquor license,	25 00	
J. Packard, services as Sexton,	34 00	

Paid for repairs on buildings at Hall place,	11 26	
for pump and iron sink for "	10 88	
for grass seed for "	7 41	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts for interest,	1,137 50	$1,933 05

SETTLEMENT WITH THE TREASURER.

L. P. Lovell, Treasurer. Dr.

To balance, March 1, 1881,	$4,205 74	
cash for liquor license,	100 00	
" grass on Common,	8 00	
corporation tax,	68 68	
National bank tax,	10 65	
State aid, for indigent soldiers refunded,	30 00	
" refunded,	168 00	
cash from dog fund,	96 39	
" from Massachusetts school fund,	213 73	
town grant,	5,250 00	
State tax,	300 00	
County tax,	243 00	
overlayings,	66 91	
cash for coal,	3 35	
interest on taxes,	47 46	
cash for rent of Hall farm, above taxes,	13 87	$10,825 78

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By paying Selectmen's orders,	$7,723 25	
balance in Treasury,	3,102 53	$10.825 78

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

To the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	$17,500 00

SINKING FUND.

On deposit at People's Savings Bank, Worcester,	$1,000 00	
" Worcester County Institution for Savings,	1,000 00	$2,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

MOSES O. AYRES, } *Selectmen*
GEORGE W. STONE, } *of Oakham.*

Report of the Overseers of the Poor

OF THE TOWN OF OAKHAM, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 1, 1882.

During the year twenty-two persons have received full or partial support. Out of this number three have been committed to the State Lunatic Hospital, at Worcester, for treatment and custody, at an average weekly cost of three dollars twenty-five cents each, beside clothing, viz.:

Lucius Wood, committed April 19th, 1881.
Hiram H. Towne, committed May 11th, 1881.
" " died September 27, 1881.
Eunice M. Walker, committed October 7, 1881.

And they further report that they have received of

the town,	$897 51
Received of the town of Southboro,	231 47
" " Hopkinton,	14 73
Whole amount received,	$1,143 71

Which they account for as follows:

Paid Susan M. Thrasher, for Lyman P. Crawford,	$85 00
Susan M. Thrasher, for Lucy Robinson,	52 00
Maria Burbank, for Eliza Batease,	19 00
Mark Haskell, for Lydia Chamberlain,	34 00
Adeline W. Knight, for Lydia Chamberlain,	26 00

Paid Harvey Maynard, for Lucius Wood,	43	47
Mrs. Harvey Maynard, making four shirts, one pair of pants,	1	25
for Lucius Wood at the Hubbardston Alms House,	2	00
Dr. Shannon, for examination of Lucius Wood,	3	00
Dr. Brigham for same,	1	50
justice fee in the case of Lucius Wood,		50
Alanson Prouty, clothing for Lucius Wood:		
October 21, 1880, one pair suspenders,		35
" " one pair hose,		15
" " eight yards striped shirting,		96
" " three yards denims,		54
" " one spool thread,		05
" " one pair hose,		15
March 23, 1881, ten yards cotton cloth,		95
" " one spool thread,		05
" " nine yards bed ticking,	1	17
" " thread,		10
" " eight yards striped shirting,	1	00
" " thread,		05
" " one dozen buttons,		04
" " one pair suspenders,		35
" " two handkerchiefs,		24
" " two pair hose,		30
" " one pair drawers,		75
Overseers of Poor, clothing for Lucius Wood at the time of commitment to Hospital:		
one coat,	3	75
one pair pants,	2	50
one cardigan jacket,	1	25
State Lunatic Hospital, for treatment and custody for Lucius Wood,	119	31
" " one hat for Lucius Wood,		15
" " one pair slippers "	1	00
" " two under shirts "	1	10
" " two pair drawers "	1	10
" " one suit of clothes "	8	00
" " two pair socks "		40
" " one pair slippers "	1	25
" " for postage "		09
Dr. Hammond, for examination of Hiram H. Towne,	3	00

Paid State Lunatic Hospital, for treatment and custody for Hiram H. Towne,	65	00
" " one pair slippers for Hiram H. Towne,	1	00
" " one chamber " "		40
" " for postage " "		09
Henry A. Wilder, for Eunice M. Walker,	93	00
" " clothing, &c., Eunice M. Walker,	3	21
Dr. Palmer, for examination of " "	2	00
justice fee in case of " "		25
Page Austin, journey to Hubbardston,	1	00
John Robinson " "	2	50
Henry A. Wilder, for conveying Eunice M. Walker to Worcester,	4	00
Page Austin, journey to Worcester in Eunice M. Walker case,	3	00
State Lunatic Hospital, for treatment and custody of Eunice M. Walker,	39	93
for conveyance of Eunice M. Walker from Union Depot to State Lunatic Hospital,	1	25
Alanson Prouty, groceries for Horace M. Green's family,	10	46
N. W. Packard, meat " " "	3	28
A. C. Bullard, milk " " "	1	32
for 1 1-4 cords of wood " " "	4	62
Albert Hapgood, for opening grave for Horace Green's children,	2	00
Alanson Prouty, for Melinda Woodis,	44	90
for 5 1-2 cords of wood for Melinda Woodis,	17	25
for cutting wood for "	3	87
Orin Barr, for Davidson Barr,	29	60
for truss, clothing, &c., for Lyman P. Crawford,	11	80
town of Southbridge for aid rendered the family of widow Samuel King,	29	00
for milk and groceries, for Daniel Dunn,	5	73
Dr. Brigham, for Daniel Dunn,	9	00
H. S. Harwood, for groceries, &c., for Andrew J. Woodbury,	50	86
N. W. Packard, for meat " " "	20	38
A. C. Bullard, for milk " " "	3	05
H. S. Harwood, for wood " " "	8	51
G. L. Ripley, for house rent " " "	10	67
Dr. F. E. Brigham, for medical attendance on Andrew Woodbury,	100	00

Paid Dr. C. W. Whitcomb, for medical attendance on Andrew Woodbury,	26 00
James Packard, for coffin for Andrew Woodbury,	7 00
" services as sexton for Andrew Woodbury,	3 00
E. B. Wellington, opening and closing grave for Andrew Woodbury,	2 00
Dr. Brigham, for medical attendance for Horace Green's family,	50 00
" " " Melinda Woodis,	6 00
" " " Lucius Wood,	3 75
" " " Lyman P. Crawford,	2 00
" " " Lucy Robinson,	1 00
John Robinson, for keeping three tramps,	1 50
Wm. S. Crawford, " "	75
Overseers' expenses to Boston, in case of Nellie Russell,	7 64
postage and stationery,	2 32
Overseers for services,	30 00
Whole amount paid,	$1,143 71

Respectfully submitted,

PAGE AUSTIN,
JOHN ROBINSON,
WM. S. CRAWFORD, } *Overseers of the Poor.*

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS IN OAKHAM, 1881.

BIRTHS.

Jan.	1.	Daughter to	Herbert E. Brigham.
"	6.	"	Edwin N. Hunt.
"	7.	Son to	J. Waldo Knight.
March	28.	Daughter to	Charles H. Trowbridge.
April	2.	"	Peter White.
"	19.	Son to	W. Prescott Adams.
"	22.	Daughter to	Peter Dusette.
"	29.	"	John E. Stone.
May	11.	"	John W. Pierce.
"	13.	"	Johnson Brooks.
June	5.	Son to	Charles A. Ware.
"	7.	"	John Gilboy.
"	7.	Daughter to	Marcus M. Butterfield.
"	20.	"	Charles B. Caldwell.
Aug.	21.	"	Joseph Lucia.
Sept.	29.	Son to	Orin D. Barr.
Oct.	17.	Daughter to	Samuel Hickey.
Nov.	2.	Son to	George H. Wilder.
"	6.	"	George E. Thresher.
"	10.	"	James F. Robinson.
Dec.	14.	Daughter to	Evander Parker.
"	19.	"	Horace M. Green.

TOTAL, 22.

MARRIAGES.

Feb.	15.	Frank H. Whipple	to	Lucene C. Fuller.
Oct.	22.	William H. Houghton	"	Ella R. Ripley.
Nov.	16.	John A. Deau	"	Abbie C. Harwood.
Dec.	18,	George D. Whitcomb	"	Emma P. Simmons.
"	25.	Napoleon Pluff	"	Emma Latowne.
"	27.	Henry D. Bullard	"	Lizzie M. Gleason.
"	28.	Jesse Allen	"	Lizzie Sumner.

TOTAL, 7.

DEATHS.

			YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.
Jan.	4.	George Caldwell,	80	6	7
"	16.	John Crawford,	81	11	2
"	21.	Elsie Batise,	89	9	0
March	16.	Charles H. Parker,	42	0	0
April	13.	Mary Bartlett,	73	4	26
"	15.	Frederick Perry,	22	2	5
May	8.	Irene Clapp,	81	10	4
"	17.	Martha S. Trowbridge,	23	7	3
"	22.	Hannah P. Allen,	72	9	20
June	6.	Eliza Converse,	69	4	20
July	4.	Sarah L. Burt,	61	4	5
"	30.	Christopher Austin,	68	3	26
Aug.	13.	John Anderson,	77	6	14
Sept.	18.	Louisa L. Robinson,	78	7	15
"	12.	Ethel A. Trowbridge,	0	5	15
Oct.	16.	Abagail B. Adams,	55	3	27
Nov.	1.	Harvey Maynard,	70	11	4
"	30.	William Parmenter,	51	4	26
Dec.	22.	Rebecca S. Ripley,	55	9	12

TOTAL, 19.

FORMER RESIDENTS BURIED IN TOWN.

			YEARS.	MONTHS.	DAYS.
March	3.	Nathan Elliot,	49	9	0
April	2.	Lavinia Colton,	72	7	14
July	18.	Betsey W. Parker,	64	5	17
Sept.	27.	Hiram Towne,	48	4	0

SCHOOL REPORT.

The School Committee of Oakham present the following report for the year ending March 1, 1882.

DR.

To amount in treasury at last report,	$747 02
" appropriated by the town,	750 00
" received from State school fund,	213 73
" " dog tax fund,	96 39
" " coal sold,	3 35
	$1,810 49

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EAST HILL SCHOOL.

By amount paid Miss Florence I. Sargeant, teaching two terms, 16 weeks,	$76 00
By amount paid Miss Lizzie J. Bullard, teaching winter term, 10 weeks,	60 00
Fuel and care of house,	10 50
	$146 50

SOUTH SCHOOL.

By amount paid Miss Lucy E. Morgan, teaching two terms, 16 weeks,	$76 00
By amount paid Mr. Leonard P. Lovell, teaching winter term, 10 weeks,	70 00
Fuel and care of house,	18 00
	$164 00

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

By amount paid Miss Lizzie J. Bullard, teaching two terms,	$96 00
" " Mrs. Minnie Woodis, teaching winter term, 10 weeks,	75 00
Fuel and care of house.	14 50
	$185 50

WEST SCHOOL.

By amount paid Miss Ada V. Walker, teaching three terms, 26 weeks,	$149 00
Fuel and care of house,	16 00
	$165 00

CENTRE SCHOOL.

By amount paid Miss Mattie J. Dean, teaching two terms, 16 weeks,	$76 00
By amount paid Miss Florence I. Sargeant, teaching one term, 10 weeks,	60 00
By amount paid Mrs. Minnie Woodis, teaching one term, 8 weeks,	40 00
By amount paid Miss Junia S. Bartlett, teaching two terms, 18 weeks,	144 00
Fuel and care of house,	70 25
	$390 25
Total expense of schools chargeable to school fund,	$1,051 10
Balance in treasury belonging to school fund,	759 39

There have been two terms of eight weeks each, and one term of ten weeks, in all the schools in town.

The attendance in the several schools is as follows:

EAST HILL SCHOOL.

Miss Florence I. Sargeant, teacher, spring and fall terms. Miss Lizzie J. Bullard, teacher, winter term.

Spring term, whole number scholars,	16	Average attendance,	13
Fall " " "	16	" "	13
Winter " " "	18	" "	12

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Miss Lucy E. Morgan, teacher, spring and fall terms. Mr. Leonard P. Lovell, teacher, winter term.

Spring term, whole number scholars,	20	Average attendance,	18
Fall " " "	15	" "	13
Winter " " "	18	" "	13

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Miss Lizzie J. Bullard, teacher, spring and fall terms. Mrs. Minnie Woodis, teacher, winter term.

Spring term, whole number scholars,	30	Average attendance,	26
Fall " " "	30	" "	27
Winter " " "	25	" "	17

WEST SCHOOL.

Miss Ada V. Walker, teacher, spring, fall and winter terms.

Spring term, whole number scholars,	20	Average attendance,	14
Fall " " "	24	" "	18
Winter " " "	26	" "	17

CENTRE SCHOOL.

Spring term, Mrs. Minnie Woodis and Miss Mattie J. Dean, teachers. Fall term, Miss Junia S. Bartlett and Miss Mattie J. Dean, teachers. Winter term, Miss Junia S. Bartlett and Miss Florence I. Sargeant, teachers.

CENTRE SCHOOL, No. 1.

Spring term, whole number scholars,	13	Average attendance,	12
Fall " " "	20	" "	18
Winter " " "	27	" "	26

CENTRE SCHOOL, No. 2.

Spring term, whole number scholars,	24	Average attendance,	21
Fall " " "	28	" "	25
Winter " " "	21	" "	17

The attendance in all the schools was

In the Spring term, whole number	123	Average attendance,	104
" Fall " "	133	" "	114
" Winter " "	145	" "	102

Whole number of children in town between the ages of 5 and 15, as ascertained by the assessors, was 133.

The Committee have exchanged Arithmetics within the year, at a nominal expense of $43.66; although the actual expense is little or nothing, as every scholar now has a new book in place of the old one.

Repairs have been made on the school houses to the amount of $120.00, the West school house having been thoroughly repaired.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy.

EAST HILL SCHOOL.

Two Terms — John Keep. One Term — Fred A. Keep, Pliny Wood.

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Two Terms — Rosa Parker. One Term — Edith M. Parker, Jennie Bemis, Osy Bourbeau, Oliveanne Bourbeau.

WEST SCHOOL.

Two Terms — Julia Marsh, Frank Winslow. One Term — Lena Adams.

COLDBROOK SCHOOL.

Two Terms — Josie M. Butterfield, Mary L. Butterfield, Fannie S. Kimball, Sophronia Kimball, Florence M. Needham, John H. Butterfield, C. Edgar Brooks, Alonzo Butterfield.

One Term — Chester Cleveland, Eddie Needham, Harry B. Parker, J. Richard Brennan, Ida F. Needham.

CENTRE SCHOOL.

Two Terms — Katie Sheern, Lilla Spooner, Lillian Robinson, Jennie Gleason, Bertha Lovell, George Morse.

One Term — Lizzie Sheern, Mary Wilbur, Frank Burt, Charlie Lovell, Ella Sheern, Jesse Robinson, Johnnie Sheern, Dora Sargeant, Jessie Davis, Minnie Spear.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. LINCOLN, } *School*
JESSE ALLEN, } *Committee.*